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## FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION BAND TO PERFORM FREE CONCERTS IN KC

The Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Band will perform free concerts March 21 and 22 in Kansas City, Mo. The March 21 concert begins at 8 p.m. in Lyric Theater. The March 22 concert begins at 7 p.m. at Park Hill High School. Both concerts are open to the public.

The events will feature the concert band, the premier ensemble of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div. Band. Musical selections come from all genres of music from classical to popular.

Featured soloists will be Sgt. Michael Moore, trombone, performing Arthur Pryor's "Thoughts of Love," Spc. Benjamin Hoshko, saxophone, performing the solo from the "Catch Me If You Can" soundtrack and patriotic vocals featuring Staff Sgt. Renata Draper. The band will also perform traditional concert selections and marches.

The concerts are part of the band's spring tour. The band also will make stops March 18 in Lincoln; March 19 in Omaha; March 20 in Des Moines; and March 23 in Lawrence, Kan. This is the band's first tour since its return from Germany in August.

"Our purpose for the tour is two-fold," said Chief Warrant Officer Scott MacDonald, band commander. "First, we are recruiting for the band field and for the Army as a whole. Second, we are taking the message of the Army to the public through our evening concerts.

"The band is very excited to take its first major tour since arriving back to Kansas and we hope to take more tours in the future," he said.

### *About the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Band:*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div. Band was constituted Oct. 12, 1943 in the Regular Army, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. The band has promoted Esprit de Corps to American Soldiers around the world while serving in WWII, Vietnam and Desert Shield/Storm, Bosnia, Kosovo and Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

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While the band has spent most of its time in Kansas, the unit departed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div. in the 1990s and spent 10 years in Germany promoting German/American community relations and serving the troops overseas.

The band returned to Fort Riley Aug. 1, 2006 with the 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div. headquarters.

**1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div. Band spring tour 2007**

*All concerts are free and open to the public*

March 18  
7 p.m.  
Lincoln High School Auditorium  
2229 J St.  
Lincoln, Neb.

March 19  
7 p.m.  
Burke High School  
12200 Burke Blvd.  
Omaha, Neb.

March 20  
8 p.m.  
North High School Auditorium  
501 Holcomb Ave.  
Des Moines, Iowa

March 21  
8 p.m.  
Lyric Theater  
1029 Central St.  
Kansas City, Mo.

March 22  
7 p.m.  
Park Hill High School  
7701 NW Barry Rd  
Kansas City, Mo.

March 23  
7 p.m.  
Liberty Hall  
644 Massachusetts St.  
Lawrence, Kan.

